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Examiner Nickerson:

In response to the office action mailed **January 18, 2008** (*Office Action*), please consider the following **amendments** and **remarks**. **Amendments to the claims** and **specification** begin on **page two** and **fourteen**, respectively. Applicant's **remarks** in response to the *Office Action* begin on **page twenty**. Applicant's **conclusions** as to the allowability of this application begin on **page twenty-eight**.